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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE WAR.

During Monday and Tuesday, the advance of Gen. Meade's Army has been going forward on about the line pursued by Gen. Pope last year. Our cavalry occupied Madison C. H. on Monday night, after driving the enemy out, capturing nine, and killing one. All the women of the place took to the brush, but returned, after learning that they were not to be butchered. The village is almost deserted by men, only a few graybeards remaining. Three Rebel soldiers were found in the jail. They confirm the report that Longstreet had gone to Georgia, but say he will be back in time for any fight with Meade. Our Signal Corps occupy Thornapple Mountain. The Rebels use Clark Mountain, seven miles to the left for a look-out. Nearly all the men in Culpepper are under arrest, and guards are placed around the houses of leading secessionists. Several prominent men, loudly professing loyalty, have been found communicating with the enemy. A little severe discipline is demanded. On Wednesday a heavy cavalry reconnaissance was in progress, and it was expected would discover the position and strength of the Rebel forces. It is supposed that their chief strength is near Gordonsville; they have only cavalry north of the Rapidan. News of Wednesday night from Washington says that a portion of Meade's army (infantry) is already across the Rapidan.

We have news from Gen. Grant's Army to the 10th inst. The General himself is in bad health, and was about to leave for Fort Scott. All was quiet near Fort Smith, except the irregular splurging of bushwhackers, but these fellows were kept at a distance by our cavalry. The Rebels were retreating to Shreveport. Lieut. Kirby Smith being in command. About 100 soldiers per day were recruited at Fort Scott. The enlistment of negroes was also active. Gen. Grant had issued an address, assuring the people that the Union occupation would be permanent, all Rebel troops and the most active secessionist citizens having been driven beyond the Red River. He had been asked for safe guards, but told the people that loyal conduct and the American flag are their best protection. He advises the re-establishment by the people of civil government.

A Rebel dispatch from Charleston dated 20th inst. says: "Nothing unusual has transpired. The Rebels and the Federals are within the bar unharmed by the gale. The enemy's works on Morris Island are rapidly increasing in strength and extent." A dispatch of the 22d in *The Richmond Dispatch* states that the Union troops are actively at work on Morris Island in spite of the Rebel fire. They are building a covered way between Gregg and Wagner, and are also building a battery on Block Island.

Capt. Ridgley, commanding U. S. steamer Shenandoah, reports, under date of the 17th inst., off New-Idlet, N. C., that a blockade-runner attempted to come out on the night of the 15th, but was driven back, and now lies a wreck at the mouth of the harbor.

Seven companies of the Pennsylvania Cavalry have just returned to Fortress Monroe from an expedition to Franklin and Zand, and report that there are only 700 Rebel troops on the Blackwater.

The Richmond Dispatch says that "the Confederate Government has effected a loan of 100,000,000 francs from parties in France, based upon cotton now in this country."

A number of soldier substitutes of the First Army Corps having been convicted of desertion, were sentenced to be shot on Wednesday.

NEWS FROM EUROPE.

By the arrival of the China we have European news to Sept. 13, three days later than that received by the *Etna*.

All the English papers announce that the English Government have determined to stop the Rebel rams in the Mersey, and Mr. Adams is said to have received a written assurance to this effect from Earl Russell. *The London Times* continues to approve of this act. *The Shipping Gazette* calls it a stretch of authority, for which the Ministers will be held responsible. *The Herald*, the organ of the Tories, denounces it as a monstrous piece of tyranny.

The Florida has been provisionally seized at Brest at the suit of a shipowner of that city, who claims an indemnity of 100,000 francs for one of its vessels seized by the Florida. The Tribunal of Commerce of Marseilles had likewise granted an authorization to the owners of the cargo of the W. B. Nash, which was recently burnt by the Florida, to seize the privateer in whatever French port she may be found. The Tribunal of Commerce of Bordeaux has decided that the Alabama must be considered as a privateer and not as a pirate.

A French paper, the *Paris de la Loire*, gives a detailed account of two ships of war now building at Nantes, and two clippers which are in the course of construction at Bordeaux, all of which are supposed to be for the Confederates.

Messrs. Glass, Elliot & Co. of London have commenced the manufacture of the Atlantic cable, which is to be laid next Summer. They, as well as the leading Marine Insurance Companies in London, have the utmost confidence in the success of the enterprise.

The Russian replies to the notes of the Western Powers were dispatched from St. Petersburg on September 2. It was generally expected that Russia would make concessions whatever. The *St. Petersburg*, still thinking that France, in union with the second-rate powers of Europe, should attempt the deliverance of Poland.

The Monitor, of Paris, publishes an account from Jonas which confirms the report that the Tycos continue to manifest friendly sentiments toward the foreigners.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Board of Supervisors yesterday passed the tax levy ordinance, the State tax being \$2,540,557 15; the City tax amounting to \$6,062,005 74, and the tax for county purposes, \$2,540,019 29, which was added \$635,232 96 for deficiencies—making a grand total of \$12,012,590 14. The assessed valuations of taxable property, as fixed by the Board some weeks since, were \$294,106,612. The rate of tax necessary to produce the amount above stated is 2.055, or two dollars and three and a half cents on each hundred dollars.

The U. S. transport Thomas A. Scott, from

New Orleans, Sept. 16, arrived at this port last evening. Her advices, though one day later than those previously received, contain nothing of public interest.

The sixth anniversary of the Fulton street Daily Union Prayer Meetings was held on Wednesday. The Rev. Drs. Tyng, Rice, Cuyler and others participated in the exercises.

Two Russian frigates are reported in Long Island Sound, bound for New-York.

The subscriptions to the substitute relief fund now amount to \$295,000.

The Stock market opened with firmness, but at the close the extreme rates of the morning were not sustained. At the Stock Exchange all guaranteed securities were firm; 6s of 1861, coupon, 103 1/2; 7 1/2 of 1861, 103 1/2; 10 1/2 of 1861, 103 1/2; 12 1/2 of 1861, 103 1/2; 15 of 1861, 103 1/2; 18 of 1861, 103 1/2; 21 of 1861, 103 1/2; 24 of 1861, 103 1/2; 27 of 1861, 103 1/2; 30 of 1861, 103 1/2; 33 of 1861, 103 1/2; 36 of 1861, 103 1/2; 39 of 1861, 103 1/2; 42 of 1861, 103 1/2; 45 of 1861, 103 1/2; 48 of 1861, 103 1/2; 51 of 1861, 103 1/2; 54 of 1861, 103 1/2; 57 of 1861, 103 1/2; 60 of 1861, 103 1/2; 63 of 1861, 103 1/2; 66 of 1861, 103 1/2; 69 of 1861, 103 1/2; 72 of 1861, 103 1/2; 75 of 1861, 103 1/2; 78 of 1861, 103 1/2; 81 of 1861, 103 1/2; 84 of 1861, 103 1/2; 87 of 1861, 103 1/2; 90 of 1861, 103 1/2; 93 of 1861, 103 1/2; 96 of 1861, 103 1/2; 99 of 1861, 103 1/2; 102 of 1861, 103 1/2; 105 of 1861, 103 1/2; 108 of 1861, 103 1/2; 111 of 1861, 103 1/2; 114 of 1861, 103 1/2; 117 of 1861, 103 1/2; 120 of 1861, 103 1/2; 123 of 1861, 103 1/2; 126 of 1861, 103 1/2; 129 of 1861, 103 1/2; 132 of 1861, 103 1/2; 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